

WHEREAS, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation's and Florida's heritage of justice, liberty and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS, Seeking to formally recognize the role that the rule of law plays in the foundation of a free, just and safe society, Law Day has been annually proclaimed by the President of the United States since Dwight D. Eisenhower declared the first Law Day on May 1, 1958; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 1961 encoded the presidential practice into law, statutorily designating May 1 as Law Day; and

WHEREAS, the year 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of a milestone in legal history, the sealing of Magna Carta at Runnymede, England, in 1215; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has identified the 2105 Law Day theme as "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law"; and

WHEREAS, the Founders of our Nation drew upon the basic principles of Magna Carta in drafting our cherished documents of liberty, including the Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, Magna Carta has become one of the world's most enduring symbols of the importance of the rule of law and liberty under law; and

WHEREAS, Magna Carta continues to be a source of inspiration in the advancement of human rights and fostering democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, promoting public understanding of the importance of the rule of law and the roots of our freedom are an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and of the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Law Day, May 1, 2015, will be commemorated both in the State of Florida and throughout these United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2015 as:

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in the City of Fort Pierce and call upon all community residents, parents, children, teachers, business and community leaders to participate in scheduled observances and celebrations of Law Day 2015, and use this occasion to preserve, strengthen and honor our commitment to the rule of law and justice for all by participating in Law Day activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 20th day of April, 2015.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER